Revival of Hindustan Photo Films Ltd.

3598. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Members of Parliament had submitted a memorandum dated 12th December, 2006 to the Ministry regarding revival of Hindustan Photo Films Ltd. and the problems of the employees; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on the issues raised in the memorandum?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The issues raised in the memorandum were pay revision of the employees and revival of the company. As regards pay revision, the company is not in a position even to pay its monthly salaries/wages to the employees. Salary, wages etc. are disbursed by the company with the financial support of Government. Therefore, pay/wage revision cannot be considered for sick company as per the extent Government guidelines. As regards revival of the company, the department has engaged a consultant, M/s. Ernst & Young on the basis of the recommendations of the Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry to examine the viability of HPF

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3599. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in the age of globalization and market-friendly economies, Government should keep out of industries having no social, environmental or security implications;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government towards this statement, especially keeping in view that from 1956 to 1991, it was the Public Sector that built almost all of industrial manpower, infrastructure, etc.; and